

## UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA NEWSLETTER

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*President Farquhar tossed the first sod June 1, marking the start of construction on the Physical Education, Athletic and Recreation Centre. Spectators watching with approval include Wayne Farmer, contractor, Dr. Richard King, Education, Professor Maureen Hibberson, Education, and Chancellor R.T. Wallace. The building is expected to be completed in August, 1974.*

### Penitentiary "Grads"

UVic has been awarded a new contract, through the Office of the Solicitor General, Ottawa, to provide a year-round programme of education for a number of B.C. Penitentiary inmates at New Westminster.

University level credit courses were offered for the first time on a continuing basis last fall as a result of a research project carried out at the Penitentiary and at Matsqui Institution, sponsored by the Donner Canadian Foundation, the Canadian Penitentiary Service and the University.

Graduates of the programme received course certificates May 27 in a ceremony attended by programme co-ordinator Dr. J.D. Ayers, Education; Dr. Ron Hoppe, Psychology; Dr. Bob Hagedorn, Sociology;

Professor Grant McOrmond, English; and Dr. Don Senese, History.

Those teaching the prisoners are all graduates of the Faculty of Education. Courses in English, History, Sociology, and Psychology have been completed by 34 inmates.

Dr. Ayers explained that upgrading to Grade 12 equivalency is now available in the New Westminster institution during the summer with University level programmes taught in winter.

### Operation Trackshoe

About 700 young people will descend on UVic stadium this weekend for a special two-day track meet which has grown steadily in popularity since its initiation

three years ago.

"Operation Trackshoe" is designed for those mentally retarded young people who can benefit from participating in events such as 100-metre hurdles, high-jumping, sack-racing and tugs-of-war.

Invitations were sent out to schools and workshops for the mentally handicapped all over the Province with the result that entries have been received from as far north as Fort St. John and Terrace.

Teachers and parents will be boarded on campus with the contestants.

### International Problem

The existing threat of oil pollution on the Pacific Coast and recommendations for prevention and control of such pollution are discussed in a timely study published in the Western Geographical Series by the UVic Geography Department.

"Oil Pollution as an International Problem" is by Dr. William M. Ross, a Vancouverite who is now on the faculty of Kent State University, Ohio. Dr. Ross completed the study with the help of Canada Council fellowships while a doctoral student at the University of Washington.

Environmental threats posed by oil tankers and offshore oil wells in Puget Sound and the Strait of Georgia, and the responses by Canada and the United States to these threats are outlined in detail. Dr. Ross makes recommendations for more efficient mechanisms to prevent and control oil pollution and suggests that a regional commission with broad powers, free of national constraints, would help to solve the present crisis.

The threat to this area, says Ross, exemplifies the damage that is being done to the global environment. He argues that recommendations and lessons learned from this study are relevant to prevention and control of all pollution at the international level.

The new book is edited by Dr. Harold Foster of UVic and is the sixth volume in

the series. Publication was assisted with a grant from the Social Science Research Council of Canada using Canada Council funds.

## Professorships

Three members of faculty have received promotions to the rank of Professor effective July 1.

President Farquhar announced this week that the Board of Governors had approved professorships for Dr. Leonard Laudadio, Economics; Dr. Fredrick Mayne, English; and Phillip T. Young, Music.

Mr. Young who joined the faculty in 1969 is Chairman of the Department of Music and the first to hold the rank of Professor of Music at the University of Victoria. From 1965 to 1969 he was Executive Officer for the School of Music at Yale University.

Dr. Mayne came to UVic in 1967 as Associate Professor in English from the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa where he was a senior lecturer. His main area of interest is English literature, 1700-1770, and Modern British Drama, particularly G.B. Shaw.

Before coming to UVic in 1967, Dr. Leonard Laudadio was Associate Professor of Economics, and Chairman, Department of Finance at the University of Nevada.

## Promotions and Changes

New appointments announced May 22 by the Board of Governors mark promotions for five professors who have been named to senior posts effective July 1.

Professor S.A. Jennings has been named Vice-President of the University and Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies; Professor J.M. Dewey will become Dean of Academic Affairs; Professor Alfred Fischer has been named Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science; Professor Herta Hartmansenn will be Acting Head of the Department of Germanic Languages and Literature; and Professor Robin Skelton will head the newly-established Department of Creative Writing.

Dr. Jennings, Mathematics, was Chairman of the Commission on Academic Governance set up last year by President Farquhar and will now hold a dual appointment as Vice-President of the University



Dr. Jennings

and as Dean of Graduate Studies. He was appointed Dean in 1972 and will continue to hold that position.

Dr. Jennings came to Victoria in 1964 as Head of the Mathematics Department from UBC where he was Director of Academic Planning. In 1968 he was appointed special assistant to then Acting President, Robert Wallace.

As Vice-President, Dr. Jennings replaces Dr. D.J. MacLaurin who retires at the end of June. Professor MacLaurin, who was Chairman of the Commission on Academic Development, currently holds the dual post of Vice-President and Dean of Academic Affairs.

The new Dean of Academic Affairs, Physics Professor Dr. John Dewey, is at present Assistant to the Dean of Academic Affairs and was co-Chairman of the

Professor Dewey



MacLaurin commission.

He came to UVic in 1965 from the Defence Research Establishment at Suffield, Alberta, where he was Head of the Aerophysics and Shock Tube Section.

Professor Alfred Fischer, now Acting Head of the Department of Chemistry, will take up new duties as Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, replacing Dr. William Gordon who was recently named Head of the Mathematics Department.

Dr. Fischer joined the UVic Faculty in 1969 after 13 years of teaching and research at Canterbury University College, New Zealand, the University of Sussex and the California Institute of Technology.

Professor Herta Hartmansenn will become Acting Head of the Department of Germanic Languages and Literature, replacing Dr. J. Beattie MacLean who retires at the end of the academic year.

Professor Robin Skelton has been named Chairman of the newly established Department of Creative Writing in the faculty of Arts and Science.

Dr. William Gordon becomes head of the Department of Mathematics July 1.

Dr. Gordon, now Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science will replace Mrs. Phoebe Noble who goes on study leave during the 1973-74 academic year.

Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Dr. Gordon came to UVic in 1965.

## 12 Years of Service

Retiring Vice-President Dr. D.J. MacLaurin has been associated with the University and Victoria College since 1961. He was Acting Head of the Chemistry Department and Assistant to the Acting Dean of Arts and Science before being appointed Vice-President and Dean of Academic Affairs.

Prior to coming to UVic, Dr. MacLaurin was on the faculty and staff of The Institute of Paper Chemistry, Appleton, Wisconsin, a graduate school specializing in the chemistry and chemical engineering of the pulp and paper industry.

A member of the original Advisory Committee to the B.C. Institute of Technology, Dr. MacLaurin has also served on the B.C. Department of Education Senior Secondary Chemistry Curriculum Revision Committee, and is a member of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations.

## French Diplomas

Six Victoria residents are the first graduates of a French Language Diploma Programme offered by the Division of Continuing Education in conjunction with the Departments of French Language and Literature, and Linguistics.

All began the course when it was first introduced in September 1971 with twice-weekly lectures. Because they were at a fairly advanced level, they have completed the written and oral exams more quickly than the typical student.

One graduate, John Richard Hopkins, No. 201-1975 Lee Ave., is 87 years old and remarks that the course was "excellent" even though it required a lot of homework! Mrs. Freda Weir, 1547 Despard Ave., is a physiotherapist who now finds that her French is better than that spoken by a French-Canadian colleague.

Other diploma winners are Mrs. Eileen Rutherford, 938 Selkirk; Albert Roberts, 2070 Frederick Norris Place; Albert Reid, 4305 Gordon Head Road; and Denis Glew, 1210 Alturas Place.

The UVic course is unique in the Province because it offers post-secondary French instruction at five levels with the objective of preparing individuals to be thoroughly comfortable in a French milieu.

Division Director, Dr. L.E. Devlin emphasizes that the programme is open to students with little or no background in French.

## History by Telegram

Military aspects of the 1885 North-West Rebellion are examined in a new book "Telegrams of the North-West Campaign" by Dr. R.H. Roy, History, and Dr. Desmond Morton, University of Toronto.

Published by the Champlain Society, the book is an edited collection of telegrams exchanged between Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, and commanders, officers, contractors and others in the field.

Within a week of the outbreak of rebellion in the North-West, Caron had arranged for a telegrapher with a direct line to be established in his offices in the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa. "From those offices...ran the messages that guided the campaign", according to the preface. "Reports from the field, anguished appeals from prairie communities and advice on

political patronage jostled each other along the lines as Canadians settled down to the unfamiliar task of running their first serious military operation."

The authors note "The military aspects of the North-West Rebellion of 1885 have received little recent re-examination. Indeed, at a time when a vigorous programme of resurrecting the prestige of Louis Riel is under way, such an examination may be as unfashionable as it is overdue."

Support for the book was provided by grants from the Canada Council and the Committee on Faculty Research, Leave and Travel, of the University of Victoria.

## New Writing

Professor Robin Skelton, Chairman of the newly formed Department of Creative Writing, is editor of the anthology "Introductions from an Island", the product of the 1972-73 creative writing programme at UVic.

The book is the fifth in a series of annual anthologies and includes poetry by 12 students in addition to excerpts from

longer fiction works by John Stravakov and Cheryl Thomas.

## Shape-Up Program

A five-man team of UVic students is conducting a physical fitness and stress-testing program in the Okanagan this summer to demonstrate the feasibility of a mobile testing unit in non-urban areas.

The program is a continuation of a scheme born in 1972 in an attempt to introduce fitness to older people on a medically-approved basis. "It is a form of preventive medicine" says Dr. John Eckerson, Education.

Headed by Ross McKay, graduate in Biology, the team will test and advise prescription exercises for about 500 persons selected from one of three fitness categories. They will be "coronary-prone" patients referred to the unit by physicians, those who have already suffered heart attacks and those who are disease-free.

The Okanagan was chosen as a testing ground for "Operation Shape-Up" because of early interest in the program shown by local medical societies.



Dr. MacLean

## Wise Counsellor

When Dr. James Beattie MacLean, Head of the Department of Germanic Languages and Literature, retires this summer, he will be concluding service to the University which includes not only the founding of the first Counselling Office at Victoria

College, but also the guiding of Summer Session and membership on almost every UVic committee.

It has been a busy association for the Ontario-born teacher who held the dual appointment of Associate Professor of

German and Supervisor of Counselling at Victoria College from 1956 to 1961.

He admits he was faced with a dilemma when the time came to make a choice between the two positions, both of which had grown to full-time proportions.

Counselling had become Dr. McLean's specialty during the war years when he served as RCAF personnel officer in Canada and overseas. His first mentors in this field were the former Dean S.N. Chant of UBC who supervised his work with the RCAF and Dr. Isabel MacInnes of UBC.

Dr. MacLean chose to stay in the field of his academic training and was appointed Department Head of Germanic Languages and Literature in 1968. He says the teaching of languages has undergone many changes in recent years. "The emphasis today is on audio-visual and oral-aural comprehension instead of on 'swotting' a grammar book. Students respond to the idioms and problems of today so reading programmes have become oriented to 20th century thinking."

President of the Canadian Association of University Teachers of German, Dr. MacLean is co-author of a textbook used in the German 100 course.

In addition to his UVic involvement, Dr. MacLean is an executive member of the Canadian Germanic Academic Exchange Association and Crossroads Canada International, an overseas summer exchange programme.

He was elected to the University Senate in 1971, is a member of the Delta Phi Alpha honorary German fraternity, University of Washington, and holds the honorary degree of M.R.S.T. (Member of the Royal Society of Teachers), London, England.

Dr. MacLean was recipient of a Ford Foundation Fellowship (1953-54) to the University of Innsbruck while he was

attending the Rice Institute. He received a Canada Medal in 1967.

## Faculty News

### EDUCATION

Continuing his whirlwind tour overseas, Dr. John Downing will address public meetings in Vienna, Linz and Graz, Austria, arranged by the International Institute for Children's Literature and Reading Research. The lectures will be given in German.

### MATHEMATICS

Over 100 participants registered for the conference "Some Mathematical Problems in Biology" on May 7-10, organized by Dr. P. van den Driessche, Mathematics. Co-sponsors were Dr. Z.A. Melzak of UBC Mathematics Department, and Dr. M. Shinbrot, UVic Mathematics. Financial support was provided by a National Council conference grant and a grant from the Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation.

### ENGLISH

Dr. John Peter has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) by Rhodes University, South Africa, for his book "A Critique of Paradise Lost" plus a number of published articles. This is described as a senior doctorate and according to the Professor of English at Rhodes, is the only D.Litt. in English to have been conferred by that University.

### ARTS AND SCIENCE

Dr. Bryan N.S. Gooch, Assistant Dean, Arts and Science, has been awarded a Canada Council grant for \$7,940 to catalogue musical settings of British Literature covering the period from 1970 to 1970.

## Next Deadline

12 noon, Friday, June 15  
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### BIOLOGY

National Research Council grants have been awarded to Dr. R.A. Ring and Dr. D.V. Ellis. Dr. Ring has a three-year operating grant at the rate of \$6,000 per year and Dr. Ellis has a three-year operating grant at the rate of \$4,500 per year.

### PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. Janet B. Bavelas, Assistant Professor, has been awarded a \$5,880 Canada Council Grant for research into Self-Fulfilling Prophecies in Teacher-Student Interaction.

## Calendar of Events

### FRIDAY, JUNE 8

12:30 pm Informal Soccer: Faculty, Staff and students welcome to join game.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 12

12:30 pm Informal Soccer

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

4:45 pm CUPE 951 General Meeting, 208/209 Commons Block

### THURSDAY, JUNE 14

8:00 pm Chess Club, Clearihue 128

### FRIDAY, JUNE 15

12:30 pm Informal Soccer

### TUESDAY, JUNE 19

12:30 pm Informal Soccer

### THURSDAY, JUNE 21

8:00 pm Chess Club, Clearihue 128

## AROUND THE RING

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